Statement

Yield of rice (kg. per hectare) in some important rice growing states during nineties.

Year	Punjab	Haryana	Tamil Nadu	Madhya Pradesh	Orissa	Kerala	Jammu & Kashmir
1990-91	3229	2775	3116	1121	1210	1942	2086
1991-92	3257	2831	3115	1023	1464	1959	1949
1992-93	3391	2659	3116	1024	1213	2017	1863
1993-94	3507	2732	2841	1164	1452	1878	1863
1994-95	3383	2801	3394	1208	1426	1937	2157
1995-96	3132	2225	2712	1093	1375	2023	1863
1996-97	3397	2968	2672	1101	993	1958	1567
1997-98	3465	2800	3050	834	1380	1957	1992
1998-99	3152	2239	3443	1013	1212	1891	2179

Loss of Life and Property due to Natural Calamities

485. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the loss of life and property due to the natural calamities like floods, drought and earthquake, whether Government will take initiative to set up a Natural Disaster Management Board;

(b) whether Government have taken any precautionary step to face the floods during this monsoon in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) which are the States whese the Centre is expected to lend a helping hand to face the floods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) There is at present no proposal under the consideration of the Government to set up such a Board.

(b) to (d) The primary responsibility for undertaking necessary measures in this regard is that of the State Governments concerned. Instalments of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for 2000-01 have been released to the States for undertaking immediate relief measures in the wake of natural calamities including heavy rains/floods. The Central Water Commission issues necessary periodic bulletins. The Ministry of Agriculture has requested States for detailed reports for taking suitable necessary action.